

SOCIETY NEWS.

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SEDALIA.

—Mrs. Jasper Lix visited friends in California last week.

—Mrs. J. F. Harvey, of Brownsville, was in the city last week.

—Mrs. Jas. Montgomery and children are visiting friends in St. Louis.

—Miss Isabel Haynes, of Boonville, is the guest of friends in the city.

—Miss Sadie McMillan, of Montrose, is the guest of friends in this city.

—Miss Sallie Moss, of Paris, is at present visiting friends in Hamilton, Mo.

—Miss Lucie Thompson returned from a visit with friends in Boonville last week.

—Mrs. J. J. Betts, formerly Miss Nellie Parrish, is in the city visiting relatives.

—Mrs. H. C. Levens was the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. N. Gott in Boonville last week.

—Mrs. J. H. Cannon, of Unionville, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Blair.

—Mrs. Glandon is visiting in Sedalia and enjoying much better health.—Mexico Ledger.

—Miss Minnie Fenwick's class in German expects to give an entertainment sometime next month.

—Miss Mollie Hughes, who was called last week to the death bed of Miss Lee Rue of Texas, returned last Friday.

—Mrs. Dr. Miller and Mrs. D. J. Temple came home last week from a visit to Salem, Illinois.

—Mrs. James Gibson and her little son, Jimmie, of Kansas City, are visiting relatives in Sedalia.

—Several parties from here will attend the Knight Templar's entertainment in Nevada, Tuesday.

—Mrs. J. M. Offield and children returned last Tuesday from a visit with Mrs. Shelton in St. Louis.

—Mrs. George Gold is expected home from a six-weeks' visit with relatives in Ohio, to-morrow or Tuesday.

—Misses Emma and Kittie Kidd came home last week from an enjoyable visit in and near Appleton City.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Hardcastle and Misses Delia and Lillie, will spend the summer at Sweet Springs.

—Miss Nannie King, who has been in this city for some time, leaves for her home in Chamois this morning.

—Rev. and Mrs. Beattie have taken up their residence on Sixth street, near the south-west corner of Monticau.

—Miss Louise Long, the accomplished daughter of Mr. Peter Long is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Pat Meade, of St. Louis.

—Miss Fannie Samuel, who is at present the guest of Mrs. J. R. Barrett, will return to her home in St. Louis this week.

—The ladies of the Congregational church met at the residence of Mrs. Scheer Friday afternoon and had a very pleasant time.

—Miss Bettie Hill, of Moberly, is expected down to-morrow evening to spend the summer with her cousin, Miss Lillie Gibson.

—Miss Lizzie Dobyns, a beautiful and accomplished young lady, of Sedalia, is visiting friends in this place.—Fayette Advertiser.

—Mrs. Fitzpatrick, of Canada, who was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Long, left last week for Michigan, where she will visit relatives.

—It is said a certain young lady of this city, who is at present in St. Louis, will ere long wed a wealthy gentleman of the "sunny south."

—Mr. and Mrs. French was in this city Friday. Mr. and Mrs. French formerly resided here but are at present of Evansville, Indiana.

—The concert given in the interests of the Christian church, last Tuesday night, was very good and elicited much praise from those present.

—Mrs. D. A. Clarke and children; also Mr. Clarke's niece, Miss Jean M. Scott, left a few days ago for Canada where they will spend the summer.

—Miss Minnie L. Russell, of St. Louis, and Olivia Barton, of Jefferson City, both eloquentists of local reputation, recently gave readings at Columbia.

—The cantata of "Esther" will be given the 29th of the present month. The Episcopal ladies will give the same night a supper of the choicest viands.

—Mr. Frank Hardcastle, the popular young traveling man, came in from a Kansas trip yesterday morning. He will remain in this city for the next two weeks.

—Mrs. M. Donohoe has arranged a choice programme for her class concert which will be given at Wood's opera house next Friday evening. Her concerts are always enjoyable.

—The coming of Mrs. Georgia Lee Cunningham, of St. Louis, who is considered one of the finest singers in St. Louis, is looked forward to with very pleasing expectations by the music lovers of the city.

—Mrs. T. W. Cloney visited in St. Louis last week. She was expected home yesterday evening accompanied by Mrs. J. R. Skinner, of Vineta, who will remain for a visit with her friends and relatives.

—Mrs. John G. Allen and Mrs. M. L. Trumbull, who have been in attendance at the district convention of the W. C. T. U., at Macon, returned to this city yesterday.

—Miss Fannie McComas and Mr. Mark McComas, of Westmoreland, Pottawatomie county, Kansas, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Deloss McComas, corner of Twelfth and Lamine.

—Miss Laura Richardson, of Terre Haute, Ind., will arrive in this city in the near future and will be the guest of her relatives, the family of Judge Charles Richardson, on Broadway.

—The Philharmonic society met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Nance last Monday evening and had an enjoyable and profitable meeting. Miss Anna Allen will probably entertain the society before it disbands for the season.

—Mr. Chas. E. Glazier, formerly of Boonville, was the guest of Mrs. A. A. Slack, Mrs. E. Lamy and other relatives last week. He has of late been in business

in Denver, Colorado, and left for that point yesterday evening.

—The Ladies' Social club of the Catholic church gave an entertainment at the park Friday night, which was well attended.

—Strawberries and ice cream were served, dancing was indulged in and a general good time was had.

—Mrs. J. J. Frey and children and Miss Ella Hall arrived from Little Rock, Ark., last week. Miss Ella is much improved in health and her friends trust that her invalid days are amid the past.

—Mrs. Frey and children will remain some time as guests of Mrs. John L. Hall.

—The Sunbeam society met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Moses last Monday night. A large number of guests were present. Cake and ices were served and an unusually good programme was given. The next meeting will take place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Whitney.

—Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Stephens are in McKeesport, Penn. Mr. Stephens is attending the general assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. They will be accompanied on their return by Mrs. Stephens' parents, Rev. and Mrs. Henderson, who have been spending the last month in Pennsylvania.

—Mrs. Herbert Marean has just finished painting a beveled mirror in a ruby velvet frame which has been much admired by all who have seen it. The design is in wild roses and snowballs while a beautiful tropical bird adds its picturesque brilliancy to the effect. The mirror is the property of Mrs. D. J. Temple.

—The Ohio street Methodist church ladies met at the residence of Mrs. Mary H. McLaughlin, last week, and indulged in a carpet rag sewing, conversation, etc. The occasion was pleasant as there were four teen ladies present. The next meeting will take place at the parsonage when Mrs. Dr. Jones will be the hostess.

—Equity lodge A. O. U. W. gave a fine entertainment last Monday night at the hall corner of Seventh and Ohio streets. It was gotten up under the auspices of Messrs. Nichols and F. L. Blair and a large audience was present to enjoy the occasion. Quite a programme of music and recitations was given, a notable feature being an organ solo with violin accompaniment given by Miss Fannie McComas and her brother Mark. The latter also contributed a selection for the tambourine which was well received.

—The concert given by Miss M. E. Clemmons and her pupils, at the opera house, Friday night, was well attended and the concert gave excellent satisfaction.

—Misses Mattie and Lillie Bard gave some very beautiful selections on the piano, which received unlimited praise. The former gave "Home, Sweet Home, as heard in the waves." Her execution was faultless indeed, and it really seemed that the "waves" were real, and their sobbing song was told in a thousand harmonious accents. Miss Lillie gave a "polka caprice" entitled "Awakening Spring" very finely.

—The ladies and gentlemen of the Henry Shaw Musical society, with the local soloists who participated in the recent musical festival, gathered at the society hall, Eleventh and Olive street, last Tuesday night, and spent the evening pleasantly.

—An impromptu musical programme was given, followed by a lunch of ice cream and cakes, and winding up the sociable with dancing. Prof. Poppen, the efficient director of the society, was presented with an encyclopedia of musical terms by his appreciative pupils, and for which he responded briefly and feelingly. Among the best selections rendered during the evening were songs by Miss Julia Castle, Messrs B. and E. Dierkes and a duet by Misses Duffy and Stroeggen. The occasion was one of the pleasantest gatherings of the Henry Shaw society, which was never in a more harmonious and prosperous condition.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

—Mrs. M. Hogue, who is at Eldorado Springs, writes an interesting letter, in which she says she met several Sedalians on her way to that point, among them Messrs. Story, Arthur Stewart and Charlie Taylor. These were left at Schell City, however, but after reaching the Springs she met Mr. Spencer, of this city. She also had the pleasure of meeting Col. and Mrs. Davis, of Lexington, of whom she had heard Dr. Small speak, and was much interested in their account of the beneficial effect of the waters. Mrs. Hogue says she is very comfortably located at the Grand Central hotel, a new edifice under very efficient management and closes by saying that she goes to the springs twice every day, and also indulges in the bathing. She wishes a number of her Sedalia friends would visit the place, as she thinks it not only beneficial but very enjoyable.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

The pupils of rooms Nos. 7 and 8, Summit school, Prof. Ager, principal, gave an entertainment at the East Sedalia Baptist church, Friday night, consisting of songs, recitations, etc. A fair audience was present, and greeted the young participants to round after round of appreciative applause. The proceeds, in amount about \$24, will be used for the purpose of establishing a reference library for the school.

MIRTH IN MAY.

A most delightful party was given at the residence of Mr. John Todd, two miles west of this city, Thursday night. The amusements of the evening consisted of music, games, etc., and the large number of young people present had a grand time. Among those were: Misses Lottie Scheer, Hester Ellen, Hattie Grace and Stella Ashworth, Jennie Gillhardt, Emma Bumgarner, Frankie Miller, Susie Sheldon, Tillie Knopff, Rosa Rose, Mollie Gibbons, Mrs. A. Q. Cameron, and Messrs. John Woods, Haire, Moore, Mich Mettes, Arthur Ward, Moore, A. H. Hearie, Holmes, Ward, Hayward and others.

PICNIC PARTY.

A picnic party went to Cedar Bluffs yesterday, some distance beyond Georgetown, and spent a most delightful day. Luncheon was served beneath the umbrageous shadows of the trees, and a tired but happy company returned to this city in the evening. Among the party were Dr. and Mrs. Major, Miss Sallie Major, Mrs. Felix, Mrs. Patison, Misses Emma and Kittie Kidd and several others.

—Emory's Little Cathartic Pills are sufficiently powerful for the most robust, yet the safest for children and weak constitutions.—15 cents.

JULY 11.

The Hamiltons to Swing In to Eternity on That Day.

"You Have Committed the Crime; Suffer the Punishment."

Conduct of the Murderers While the Sentence is Pronounced.

Elgin Stevens, the Slick Crook, to be Fed at State's Expense—Notes.

Arrival of the Hamiltons in Sedalia Last Night and Their Reception.

Warrensburg, May 16.—[Special]—At an early hour this morning the streets were alive with people interested in knowing, as soon as possible, the verdict of the jury in the Aultman case. When the court adjourned last night, the case had been only twenty minutes in the hands of the jury, and only one ballot had been taken, resulting in 9 for guilty of murder in the first degree and 3 for acquittal. Two of these three stated on their ballots that they had not fully made up their minds on the case, and only voted to save time, and it is supposed the other one only desired to know how the other eleven felt before committing himself. The jury were taken to the Simmons house, where they had a long and earnest talk on the matter. This morning, after they had arisen, and before breakfast, another ballot was taken, resulting in a unanimous verdict of guilty. It became known long before 9 o'clock, at which hour court was to meet, that the jury had found a verdict, and were ready to report. This rumor had the effect of filling the courtroom to overflowing. At 9 o'clock the prisoner was brought into court, little dreaming that he was within a few feet of the men who were to condemn him to death.

After the transaction of some minor business the Aultman case was resumed and the jury placed in front of the bar. The usual legal questions were asked and answered, and Mr. Jeremiah Beattie, the foreman, stepped forward and handed to the clerk a folded paper. The clerk opened it and read:

THE VERDICT.

We, the jury, find the defendant, William H. Hamilton, guilty of murder in the first degree in the manner and form as charged in the indictment.

JEREMIAH BEATTIE, Foreman.

The prisoner, who had been sitting motionless, with his eyes resting upon the jury, here let them fall and the lids closed over the almost sightless balls. He remained in this position until after the jury had been polled and discharged, a perfect picture of a lifeless man. His attorney placed his hand upon his shoulder and spoke to him, when Aultman raised his eyes and let them wander among the faces before him. His frame was in a tremor; his face pale as death, and his fingers working nervously at his side.

Charles Hamilton was then brought into court that he might receive the sentence of the law. When asked by the court if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon him, he arose, and in a clear voice said: "Nothing, only that I did not kill the man. I admit that I struck him with the wrench, but that fellow" [pointing his finger at Aultman] "committed the murder."

The court then began the address usual in such cases, saying, "Charles Hamilton, it now becomes my painful duty to pass upon you the sentence in such cases."

He was interrupted by Hamilton with "The sooner you get through the better."

"There was no fear in his voice, nor yet was there any spirit of the bravado about him. He showed by his action that he was steeling himself to the ordeal, and was fighting down any animal fear he might possess."

Judge Ryland then, in an address full of kind and fatherly advice to prepare for the future, condemned him to be hanged by the neck, on Friday, the 11th day of July, 1884, until he be dead.

William H. Hamilton then stood on his feet, and when asked why sentence should not be passed, broke completely down, and between his incoherent sobs were heard these words:

"I know I did not kill the man; I only know I am not guilty. Do as you will with me; I am ready."

At this point Charlie broke in with: "Straighten up your face, you cur."

The sentence of the court was that he also be hanged on the 11th of July.

There can be no doubt that the grief of Aultman on this occasion was sincere, whatever may have been his motives yesterday. He rested well last night, ate a hearty breakfast to-day, and said he felt very good—just as if the jury were going to acquit him.

After the sentence had been read and everything had become quiet, he sobbed out: "I wish I hadn't done this! God help me, God help me!"

An order was made by the court providing for the appointment of two men as the death watch in the Sedalia jail, whether they will be taken to-night. One will be confined on the south side and the other on the north side of the jail, and will not be allowed to come together, as Charlie is very ferocious, and says he will whip Billie, even if he has to do it on the gallows. This afternoon they are both quiet, Charlie writing letters and poetry; and Billie, moody and silent, doubtless busy with his own sad thoughts. Both are heavily ironed and a strong guard is over them.

THE ELGIN STEVENS CASE.

Elgin Stevens, charged with grand larceny, and who broke jail last fall and was gone until last Friday, was arraigned this morning, and, withdrawing his plea of not

guilty, entered one of guilty; and was sentenced by the court to four years in the penitentiary. He was discovered in the St. Joseph workhouse by Detective Bryant, who immediately notified Sheriff Russell, and he was brought down Tuesday night and lodged in jail. He will be taken to Jefferson City to-night.

FIVE YEARS.

Gus Williams pleaded guilty to the larceny of a mare and mule colt and a two-year old mule, and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. He will accompany Elgin Stevens to night.

COURT NOTES.

—All the attorneys in the Hamilton cases won golden opinions for themselves in the conduct of the two trials.

—Court adjourned at 11 o'clock and Judge Ryland left at 11:30 for his home in Lexington.

—J. P. Harrison, charged with permitting minors to play billiards in his room at Knobnoster, pleaded guilty and was fined \$5.

—J. J. Fitzgerald will appeal his case for assault at Holden to the supreme court. The necessary bonds were approved and affidavits filed to-day.

—David Williams, the saloon keeper at Montserrat, pleaded guilty to three indictments for selling liquor without license, and was fined \$40 in each case.

—There were not many cases tried at this term, but it was one of the most important in the history of the county. Three murder cases—two in the first degree and one in the second—two grand larceny cases, and numberless cases of assault. There was only one acquittal—that of Richard Lewis of murder in the second degree. Two criminals will go to the penitentiary.

Arrival at Sedalia.

When the news was bulletined in front of the BAZOO office yesterday that the Hamiltons, the murderers of Carl Stiedle, had been sentenced to swing on the 11th inst., and it was learned that the condemned criminals would arrive in the city on the midnight train, many out of morbid curiosity, resolved to be present at the depot when the prisoners arrived. Accordingly when the Missouri Pacific train came in quite a crowd was collected at the Garrison house.

The condemned men in charge of two deputy sheriffs alighted on the south side of the train and were escorted to the jail followed by a curious crowd.

A BAZOO representative had a brief conversation with the murderers after they had been locked up, they being placed on opposite sides of the jail.

Charlie was quite communicative and said that he had been given a fair trial and expected to meet his fate like a man when the time came. He said that he felt that he was not guilty of murder as he had been led into the commission of the terrible deed by Aultman, alias Billie Hamilton, and that he was satisfied he had the sympathy of the better class of people in Warrensburg. He stated that Aultman had added to his terrible crime the sin of perjury, the statement made by him on the witness stand to the effect that he had checked Stiedle to death by his (Charlie's) command and while covered with his revolver being absolutely false.

When asked if he had been visited by any clergyman or had made any profession of religion, he replied in the negative, but added that he had been visited by some kind ladies and intimated that he would, in time, make a profession of religion.

In answer to the question if he had any hope of a reprieve or commutation of his sentence he replied that he had requested his attorney to take his case to the supreme court and supposed that he would do so. Charlie has had printed on small slips a piece of doggerel poetry entitled, "Doomed to Die," which he offers for sale for ten cents each. The poem will be found at the end of this article.

Billie Hamilton alias Ed. Aultman was called on but said that he had no statement to make as he was worn out. He invited the reporter, however, to call on him this morning, at which time he desires to make a statement.

DOOMED TO DIE.

My life hangs upon a thread to-day,
I'm doomed to die, the judge does say.
My heart to God I freely give,
It is because I now do live.

I've told you several times before
I did not kill the boy that lives no more;
God is the judge of all my sins,
I'll live, my case to plead with him.

But shame fills my heart with pain
To think of the murderer's treacherous game—
His life he'd save, and mine condemn,
For he's at the bottom of the whole scheme.

I've served this world of sin and shame,
Probably never to return again.
My days are short and I must die—
In God I trust, upon the gallows high.

Although I die for committing a wrong,
I'll ask you to pray for me now;
My life, of course, I cannot save,
But remember me when I'm in my grave.

I'm doomed to die, but will not cry
When the rope around my neck they tie;
But think how dreadful it must be
For the young to look at and aged to see.

Christ is my protector and my friend,
A prayer to Him in heaven I'll send.
Asking pardon, peace and me to forgive—
In heaven with Him I'd like to live.

No slab to mark my place of rest,
No friends to place flowers upon my breast;
For me I ask you all to pray,
And remember this my dying day.

Yours respectfully,
CHARLES HAMILTON.

A Lecherous Lord.

London, May 17.—Lord St. Leonards has been arrested on the charge of assaulting the maid-servant of his host. He demands a trial by his peers.

England and Mexico.

London, May 17.—Telegrams from Mexico in regard to Fernandez Mission state the basis of the contemplated arrangements with the English bondholders is the payment of interest at the rate of 11 1/2 per cent. and the funding of the overdue coupons. Fernandez is also charged with the payment of the English convention debt, and to assist in the settlement of a commercial treaty.

A Dead Dynamiter.

London, May 17.—The dynamiter, Dennis Dessy, died in Chatham prison yesterday.

—Water coolers at Thomas & Hadden's, sun tues thurs 2m

MISERABLE MURDERERS

A Brief Interview With the Condemned Slayers of Carl Stiedle.

Billie Hamilton, Alias Ed. Aultman, Still Stoutly Asserts His Innocence,

Claiming That He Was Compelled to Witness the Murder by Charles Hamilton.

The Last Named Resigned to His Fate, and Grinding Out Poetry

According to appointment a BAZOO reporter yesterday called upon Billie Hamilton, alias Ed. Aultman, at the county jail. Both of the murderers were asked, out Billie speedily arose to his feet when informed that a newspaper reporter desired to talk with him. He came to the grating and for half an hour conversed with the reporter who subjected him to a rigid examination.

Nothing new was learned, and the murderer persisted in his story, previously related and published, that Charlie Hamilton was the guilty party, and at the point of his revolver, prevented him from interfering while he choked Stiedle to death and rifled his pockets of their contents.

In answer to the question if he was aware that Stiedle had been inveigled into going up the railroad track, in order that he might be robbed, he stated that he knew nothing of any such intention on the part of Charles Hamilton until he heard the sound of the heavy iron wrench on Stiedle's head, Charlie coming up in the rear.

He was questioned closely as to his action, and the position he occupied while Charlie Hamilton was choking Stiedle, as he alleges, and rifling his pockets. He denies that he touched the murdered man, or assisted in any way in the murder. He says that he was covered by Charlie Hamilton's revolver during the entire time, and could not go to the assistance of Stiedle whom he says was his dearest friend.

"Were you aware, queried the reporter, previous to the murder that Charlie Hamilton had a revolver?"

"He did not have a revolver, he took one from Stiedle's person."

"How did he manage to keep you covered with a revolver and go through Stiedle at the same time?"

"Well I tell you, replied the murderer, who is a German and talks rather broken English, he is a bad man and although he laid his revolver on the ground while he robbed Stiedle I knew from the look in his eyes that he would shoot."

"Did you not take a portion of Stiedle's money?"

"Yes, but he, Charlie, forced me to take it. I was afraid to disobey him."

"Did you spend any of the money you received?"

"Yes, but I had money of my own to make it good and I sent all of the money I received belonging to Stiedle, to his sister."

"Were you and Charlie Hamilton under the influence of liquor when Stiedle was murdered?"

"No, sir, we were perfectly sober, and had not been drinking at all."

"Where did you understand that you and Charlie and Stiedle, were going when you started up the railroad track?"

"Charlie told us that as it was quite a while until train time he would take us to see some young ladies with whom he was acquainted."

"You positively deny, then, that there was any preconceived scheme between yourself and Charlie Hamilton to murder Stiedle?"

"Yes, sir, I do. The understanding was that we were to meet at Warrensburg and from there go to Kansas City where our future movements were to be determined on."

Persistent questioning failed to elicit anything in addition about the cowardly murder, from what is already known and been published.

Aultman says that he had known Stiedle from boyhood, they having learned their trades in Stuttgart, Germany. He esteemed the murdered man as his dearest friend.

Aultman was also interrogated as to the charge made against him some weeks ago of having poisoned Mrs. Mossiman, the sister of his betrothed. When this question was broached Aultman became very much excited and denounced the charge as emanating from Charlie Hamilton, whom he designated as "that trash on the other side of the jail."

He said that the report was too ridiculous to even talk about, and went on to say that Mrs. Mossiman was as dear to him as a sister and that he believed that her death was caused by the shock of the news that he had committed murder.

The condemned man said that he had always attended the German Evangelical church, of which his parents were members, and in which he had been baptized in his infancy. He expressed a desire to see Rev. Stanger, the pastor of the church, and Deputy Sheriff Fred Conner promised to have the reverend gentleman sent for.

In reply to the question if he expected his attorney to do anything to avert his impending fate, he said that he would prefer not to answer. He expressed himself as surprised at the verdict of the jury, and declared that his life had been sworn away by Charlie Hamilton. He desired the reporter to express his sincere thanks to his attorneys, Col. J. M. Shepherd and Hon. A. W. Rogers, who he said worked nobly for him, although he was not able to pay them.

CHARLIE HAMILTON

said that he had nothing in addition to say, to the statement he had already made. He professes to be penitent for his crime, and says that he is trying to obtain peace and comfort from the consolation afforded by the christian religion. He denies the statements made by Aultman, and persists in the assertion that while very much under

the influence of liquor he was induced by Aultman to commit the crime for which he will forfeit his life on the gallows. Hamilton is still writing poetry, and the following is his latest effusion.

MAN'S BEST FRIEND.

There is a friend beyond the grave
That will cling to you closer than a brother;
Our friend next to him to us he gave;
His our dear beloved mother.